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For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING DATA FORMAT CONVERSION
FUNCTION (Amended)

Group: 2186

Examiner: H. Patel

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 31, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims.

Remarks are included following the amendments.